

Service Date: October 23, 2014

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern Energy's)	UTILITY DIVISION
Application for Approval of Unreflected Gas)	
Cost Account Balance and Projected Gas Cost,)	DOCKET NO. D2013.5.34
and Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause)	
Balance)	

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NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION

On May 31, 2013, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), filed its *Application for the 2013 Unreflected Gas Cost Account ("UGCA") Balance and Projected Gas Cost; and Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause ("GTAC") Balance* with the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission). On March 14, 2014, NorthWestern filed a *Motion to Defer Proceedings and Consolidate this Docket with the 2014 Natural Gas Supply Tracker Docket*. On May 29, 2014, NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) filed its *Application for Approval of Unreflected Gas Supply Cost Account Balance for the 12-Month Period Ending June 30, 2014 and Projected Gas Cost Tracking for the 12-Month Period Ending June 30, 2015; and Gas Transportation Adjustment Clause (GTAC) Balance as of April 30, 2014* with the Commission. On June 10, 2014, the Commission approved a *Notice of Commission Action* consolidating NWE's 2014 and 2013 Natural Gas Tracker Filings in Dockets D2013.5.34 and D2014.5.47. The Commission issued a *Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline* on June 16, 2014. On September 4, 2014, the Commission issued *Procedural Order 7282c*, setting deadlines for data requests and testimony, and a hearing date of January 22, 2015.

On October 10 and 22, 2014, NorthWestern indicated it would not be able to adhere to the schedule established in *Procedural Order 7282c*. The schedule in *Procedural Order 7282c*

is thus suspended until an amended schedule can be established. *See* Or. 7282c ¶ 10 (Sept. 4, 2014).

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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